

State of Vermont
House of Representatives
Montpelier, Vermont



House Resolution

H.R. 10

House resolution relating to disclosures of the House of Representatives

Offered by: Representative Sweaney of Windsor

Whereas, in exercising its constitutional authority to judge the qualifications of its members, the House of Representatives would benefit from additional disclosure information in order to assist it in determining whether a member is immediately or directly interested in a question before the body, and

Whereas, the House will be considering ethics legislation this session to require of Executive Branch officers the same disclosure information set forth in this resolution, now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That Rule 14a of the Rules and Orders of the House of Representatives be amended to read:

14a. (a) On or before the 10th legislative day of the beginning of the biennium, each member shall submit to the Clerk a disclosure form prepared by the Clerk. The form shall be signed by the member, and be publicly available, and may be updated on the website of the General Assembly. The form shall set forth, to the best of the member's ability, the following information applicable as of the date of submission in regard to the previous year for the member and any spouse or domestic partner and any dependent child of the member:

(a)(1) each source of income totaling \$2,000.00 or more and a description of the source, including any job title, employer or business name, and address, but not specifying the amount of the income;

(2) each parcel of real property owned by the person or held in the name of a corporation, partnership, or trust for the benefit of him or her, and its location;

(3) any boards, commissions, or other entities on which the member person serves; a description of that position; and, except in the case of legislative appointments, whether the member person receives any form of remuneration for that position, but not specifying the amount of remuneration; and

(b)(4) the member's employer any leases or contracts with the State held or entered into by the person or his or her business associate.

(b) A member shall file an updated disclosure form within 10 days of a substantial change in the information required to be reported under subsection (a) of this section. As used in this subsection, a "substantial change" means that since the filing of a previous disclosure, for any person about whom the member is required to report, the person has obtained:

(1) a value of at least \$5,000.00 for any new source of income, new parcel of real property, or remuneration for a new entity on which the person serves; or

(2) a new lease or contract with the State, of any value, held or entered into by the person or his or her business associate.